



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PATRIOT DAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

WHEREAS, this year marks the sixth anniversary of the ruthless terrorist attacks carried out against our nation on September 11, 2001, and in recognition of this solemn commemoration, we remember the thousands of lives lost, and the innocent men, women and children forever changed by those acts of evil; and

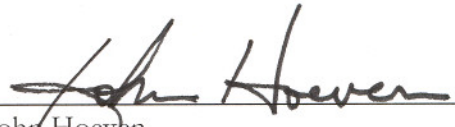
WHEREAS, on that fateful September morning, we were reminded that the great strength of America is found in the hearts and souls of its citizens, as we witnessed police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, members of the military and private citizens demonstrating extraordinary courage and risking their lives to save innocent victims, and our country united in compassion as Americans came together to provide relief and bring hope to others; and

WHEREAS, as we pray for those who died and for the families who mourn their loss, we also remember those innocent victims around the world who have lost their lives at the hands of terrorists, and we honor the selfless men and women of our Armed Forces, the dedicated members of our public safety, law enforcement and intelligence communities, and the thousands of others who work hard each day to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we pray for our brave men and women in uniform who are serving at home and abroad to protect their homeland and advance liberty around the world, and we pray for the families of those who have lost their lives or have been injured defending the freedoms we cherish every day; and


WHEREAS, on this solemn occasion, we volunteer to help others and to demonstrate the continuing compassion of our citizens, and we rededicate ourselves to laying the foundation of peace with confidence in our mission and our free way of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 11, 2007, **PATRIOT DAY** in the state of North Dakota and direct all government agencies to fly the American and North Dakota flags at half staff from sunrise to sunset on Patriot Day. I encourage all North Dakotans to observe Patriot Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and remembrance services, to display the flags at half staff from their homes on that day, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 7:46 a.m. CDT to honor the innocent lives that were lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State